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UTU66354, 66357,
66358, 66366, 66378

October 31, 2006

Darron Haddock
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Dear Darron:

I wanted to forward you copies of various inspections I completed (for certain surface management notices, one active – UTU66378 and four expired). I closed two of the expired notice cases (a copy of each closure letter is atop the inspections for cases UTU66354 and 66358). Bluebell Oil Company has yet to conduct seeding of their expired notice (UTU66357) and Dale Stevens has yet to remove some wood and tires near his filled-in excavation (UTU66366). I wanted to get the enclosures to you so that the reports can be filed as necessary and any other Divisional action, as necessary, can be taken.

Please contact me at (435) 781-4501 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Peter K. Sokolosky
Geologist

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3809 REPORT OF INSPECTION

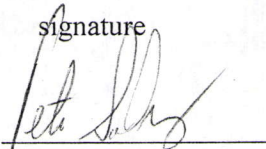
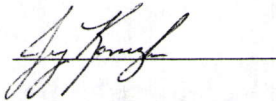
Date: August 18, 2005 Time: ~9:00 am Location: T.5S. R.25E. Sec 8 S2S2SENE, N2NESE and Sec. 9 S2SENE, N2NWSW and S2SESWNW (SLB&M)

Operator present during inspection: Yes (Alan Chew arrived as I was completing my inspection)

Serial no. of notice: UTU 66378 (Alan Chew project area) Is the operation active? No (though there was evidence of recent stone extraction)

Description of operations (including access, reclamation, etc.): The project area remains accessible via an existing unimproved road from the east (this road appears as a class D road on the Uintah County transportation map). The project area had been subjected to the continued quarrying of a presumed uncommon variety of stone from sandstones of the Gartra Grit member of the Chinle Formation. The area remains in a similar condition as what was observed during the August 2005 inspection. Stone (surface occurrences of stone; not requiring pre-stripping of top soil as little exists within the project, except what is in the cracks in the rock that Mr. Chew does set aside) has been removed from several sites within the project area (see images 2, 4, 5, and 8-13). Native [desirable] vegetation continues to emerge from cracks in the rock over time.

Is the operation in compliance with the notice on file and/or the stipulations of the approved plan? (if No describe deficiencies): Yes. The operations are within the defined [5 acre maximum] project area. I did notice some temporary stacking of stone along the pre-existing roads (which are not part of the project area and are not required to be reclaimed). Mr. Chew inquired about when he can provide a notification of his intent to extend his notice (there is nothing in 43 CFR 3809.333 regarding how early an extension can be filed). Some of the corners of the 5 acre project area were posted and I pointed out the need to add others (so Mr. Chew can make sure extraction is happening within the defined 5 acre project area). I could not find where I had GPS'ed some of the corners [and so I determined the UTM and Lat-Long's of certain points and conveyed such to Mr. Chew so he can have a qualified surveyor set those points].

	signature	name/title	date
Inspector		Peter Sokolosky/Geologist	<u>SEP 19 2006</u>
Management		Jerry Kenczka/Acting AFML&M	<u>9-19-2006</u>
Attachments:	[9] Digital images [with descriptions] and figure		
Distribution:	original to surface management case file UTU66378 Copy -UDOGM (S/047/061)		

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< < image 1 (from magenta cross on figure) view to NNW toward quarry (pointed to by arrow) on east side of drainage (closer view of that quarry is in image 2 below). Compare with image 1 from Aug. 2005 inspection.



< image 2 (from blue cross on figure) view to northwest, closer view of small quarry area on east side of drainage (at upper left; arrow; compare with image 2 from Aug. 2005 inspection – little change to this area).



< image 3 (from green cross on figure) view to NNE of stone storage pads at center to left and road that goes to the area of removal of talus stone and quarrying in the east bottom of the drainage (enlarged on images 4 and 5). Compare with image 3 from the Aug. 2005 inspection.



< image 4 (from cross on figure) view to north-northeast of north end of road in image 3 and [at right] area where surface exposures of rock has been taking place



< image 5 (from green triangle in figure) view to south-southwest of Cat TH83 (rubber tired fork lift) parked at road intersection; stone storage pad area in background (pointed to by arrow). Compare with image 6 of the Aug. 2005 inspection.



< image 6 from red triangle on figure) view to south-southeast of quarry on west side of drainage (compare with image 8 of the Aug. 2005 inspection)



< image 7 – pan to left of image 6, view to southeast of quarry on west side of drainage (compare with image 8 and 9 of the Aug. 2005 inspection)

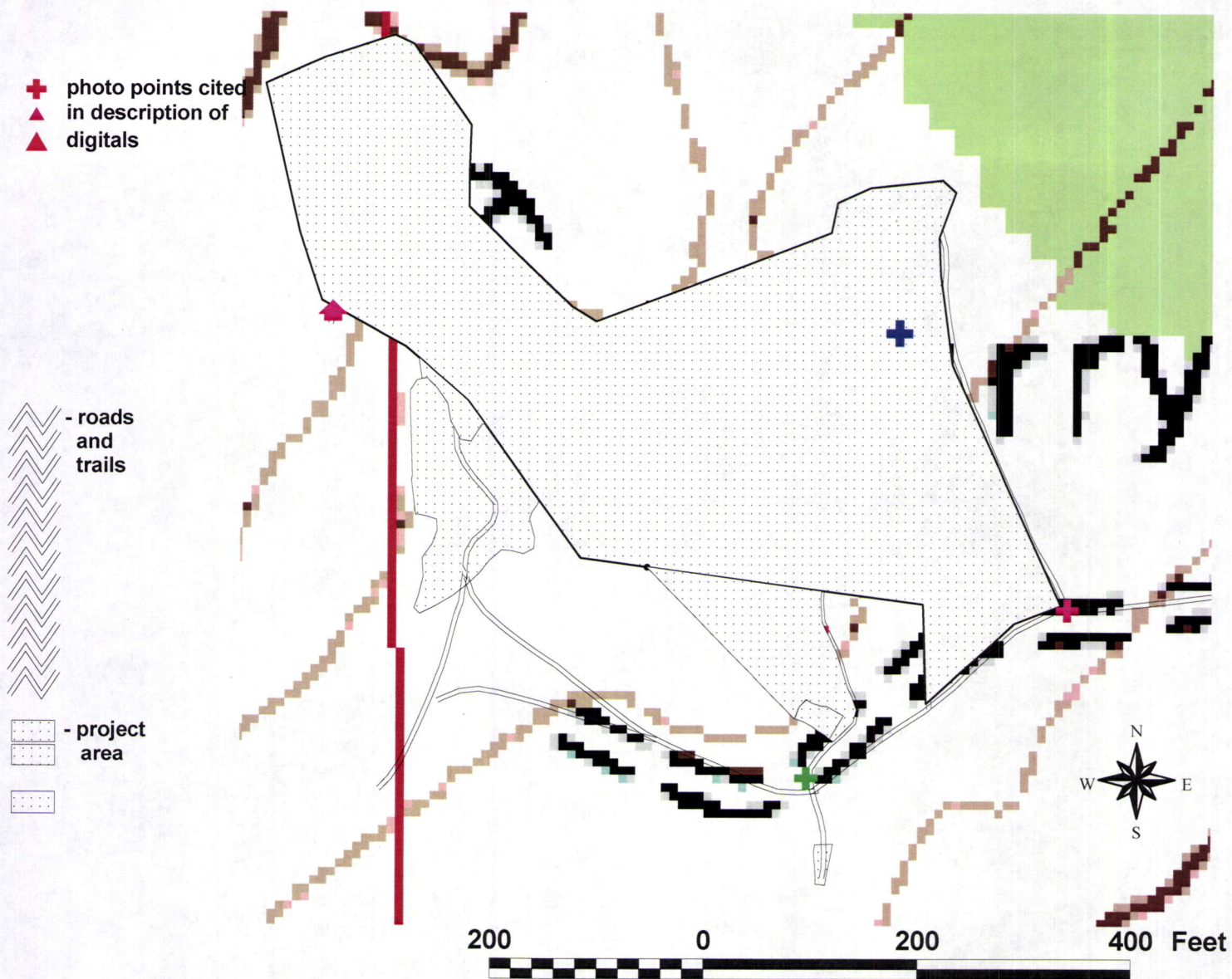


< image 8 (from red triangle on figure); pan to left of image 7 (toward the east) of north end of quarry on west side of drainage (compare with image 10 of the Aug. 2005 inspection)

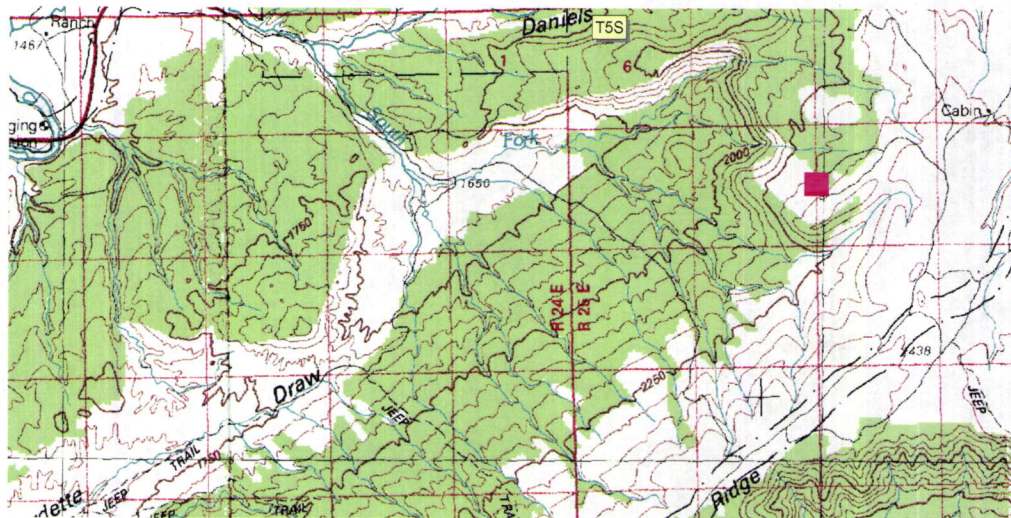


< image 9 (from magneta arrow on figure) view to north of east side stone extraction area in the western part of the project area; surface occurrences of stone have been stacked on ground or hauled-off via 2 track access to area (compare with image 13 of Aug. 2005 inspection)

Figure [attachment] to report 01-18-2006 inspection of notice 166378. Enlarged area below is within T.5S., R25E. SLM; black dotted area is the project area



Scale of plot above is 1:1800; background topography from Stuntz Reservoir 7.5" quad (contour interval 40'); general location [of project area - magenta colored square] index figure below is 1:100,000 scale (50 m contour interval)



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